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Dear Mr. Allen:

Admiral Turner has asked me to thank you for your letter of October 10th. We very much appreciate your sending along a copy of your Resolution directing the RTHDA Board to develop guidelines for journalistic relations with government agencies.

Sincerely,

It will interest you to know that we are currently consolidating and clarifying our own policies concerning CIA relationships with the news media. We have several internal policies and regulations concerning such relationships, but feel in light of recent interest in the issue, it makes sense to consolidate them into a single policy statement to clarify the many misconceptions and misunderstandings which now exist. I will be happy to send you that consolidated statement just as soon as it is finished. It may help in putting your own guidelines together.

In the meantime, if I can help in any other way please let me know. Perhaps we could get together to discuss the subject sometime at your convenience.

Executive Secretary

10/17/77

Many thanks again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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